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TO THE WHITE HOUSE, EYES ONLY FOR MR. KISSINGER

YOU PROBABLY ALREADY AWARE OF REQUEST BY CONGRESSMAN WAYNE HAYS TO HAVE PRESIDENT RECEIVE EIGHT MEMBERS OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S FRANCE-ETATS-UNIS GROUP, HEADED BY GENERAL PIERRE BILLOTTE. THIS WILL BE FIRST US VISIT BY THIS GROUP IN TEN YEARS WHEN IT WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY. WHEN I SAW BILLOTTE JUST BEFORE HE LEFT FOR UNITED STATES, WHERE HE WILL ALSO ATTEND DINNER FOR MRS. EISENHOVER, HE SAID PRIME MISISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER ARE BOTH AWARE OF GROUP'S VISIT AND HOPE IT WILL MAKE. MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO FRANCO-AMERICAN RELATIONS. HE SAID FULL PUBLICITY IS PLANNED IN FRENCH PRESS, AND THEREFORE HOPES CALL ON PRESIDENT WILL BE POSSIBLE. ALTHOUGH THIS IS WAYNE HAYS' SHOW AND I DO NOT WANT TO GET IN THE ACT, I HOPE YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS REQUEST. WATSON

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